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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: CCD: ESTABLISHMENT OF CCD WORKING GROUPS

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1. DETECT INCREASING RESTLESSNESS ON PART OF MANY DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING MOST OF WESTERN SEVEN, BASED ON FEAR THAT UNLESS THEY ESTABLISH SOME WORKING GROUP, ALMOST ANY WORKING GROUP, THEY WILL BE ACCUSED NEXT FALL AT UN OF HAVING DONE NOTHING THIS SUMMER, MERELY SITTING ON THEIR HANDS, WHILE US-SOVIETS IN ONE CASE, WITH UK IN ANOTHER, ENGAGE IN ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS.

2. THE SEARCHES FOR A WAY OUT MAY TAKE TWO FORMS:
(A) AN ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH NOW A WORKING GROUP ON CW DEALING WITH LIMITED TERMS OF REFERENCE; E.G., SCOPE, DEFINITIONS; OR
(B) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING GROUP NOW ON CW, ONLY TO FUNCTION UPON ACHIEVEMENT OF A CONSENSUS THAT IT WAS TIME TO BEGIN.

3. FORMER SEEMS DIFFICULT, THOUGH NOT IMPOSSIBLE, OF ACHIEVEMENT; LATTER CLEARLY A CAMEL'S NOSE. USDEL CAN PREVENT CONSENSUS ACTION BY MAKING LOUD ENOUGH NEGATIVE NOISES, BUT BELIEVE DEPT SHOULD BE AWARE OF SITUATION.

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4. YET ANOTHER POSSIBILITY, WHICH SO FAR HAS BEEN BROACHED ONLY BY THE SWEDES IN PRIVATE (REFTEL, WOULD BE TO HOLD ADDITIONAL CCD SESSION AT A LATER DATE WITH EXPECTATION THAT WORKING GROUP COULD BE FORMED THEN. MEANWHILE BRITISH ARE THINKING OF INCORPORATING CALL FOR TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP IN THEIR CW SPEECH TO BE DELIVERED IN PLENARY JULY 12.

4. RECOMMENDATION: HOLD LINE UNTIL THERE ARE CLEAR SIGNALS FROM
BILATERALS AND TRILATERALS. IF WE COULD GET SOVS TO AGREE TO
PARTIAL JOIN INITIATIVE, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO AGREE TO
BRITISH PROPOSAL.SORENSEN

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